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BERLIN FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE

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EMBASSY OFFICER RECEIVED CALL FROM DR. WESTRICK, STAATSSSEKRETAER IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY, REGARDING VISIT OF ECONOMICS MINISTER ERHARD TO WASHINGTON. MINISTER HAS BEEN GIVING FURTHER THOUGHT TO MATTER AND WOULD LIKE TO CARRY THROUGH PLANS FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN NEXT FEW MONTHS IF WASHINGTON STILL AGREEABLE.

SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON VIEWS, MINISTER WOULD PLAN TO SPEND 3-4 DAYS IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO RETURN PROMPTLY TO BONN WITHOUT EXTENDING HIS TRIP MUCH BEYOND CAPITAL ITSELF. WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IN SECOND HALF MARCH OR SECOND HALF OF APRIL-EARLY MAY.

WESTRICK STATED MINISTER ERHARD ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY ANDERSON AND STATE OFFICIALS ON SUCH MATTERS AS ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND PROBLEMS OF PRICE-WAGE STABILITY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PAYMENTS, CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS OF UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS, COMMON MARKET. GERMANS APPEAR FULLY APPRECIATE DESIRABILITY DESCRIBING VISIT IN MANNER NOT AROUSING CURRENCY SPECULATION, AS STRESSED REFERENCE TELEGRAM (A), THOUGH THIS DANGER CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHED IN MEANTIME.

AMBASSADOR BRUCE, WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER IN BERLIN, JOINS IN EXPRESSING BELIEF ERHARD VISIT COULD BE MUTUALLY

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ADVANTAGEOUS FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY STATED IF DEPARTMENT AND  
TREASURY FIND IT SUITABLE. IF TRIP TO BE MADE, ERHARD WOULD  
APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOME SORT OF INVITATION OF VISIT, IF ONLY  
AN INFORMAL LETTER.

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